

# NASA-LaRC SAFETY NEWSLETTER

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## The Facility Safety Head and Facility Coordinator Program

The Facility Safety Head and Facility Coordinator Program, established at LaRC by LMI 1700.1, "Safety Program," provides the foundation for the LaRC Safety Program. A staff of full-time safety professionals in the Office of Safety and Facility Assurance, Office of Safety, Environmental, and Mission Assurance, are available to assist the Facility Safety Heads and Facility Coordinators. Additionally, there are special Safety Committees reporting to the Executive Safety Board which will focus expertise on unique safety problems. These Safety Committees are defined in LMI 1700.3, "The Executive Safety Board and Its Committees."

All Facility Safety Heads are nominated by their Division Chief to the Vice Chairperson of the Executive Safety Board for appointment. The Facility Safety Head serves as the on-site manager of the safety program at their facility/research apparatus. The Facility Safety Head's primary function is to assess and control hazards thus eliminating potential mishaps. The responsibilities of Facility Safety Heads are defined in LMI 1700.2, "Safety Assignments."

Facility Coordinators are recommended by the Facility Safety Head and appointed by the Center's Safety Manager. Facility Coordinators assist the Facility Safety Head in achieving safe operations. A summary of the responsibilities of the Facility Coordinator is also provided in LMI 1700.2.

To acquire specifics with regard to the LaRC Safety Program, LaRC safety assignments and the Executive Safety Board and its committees, reference to LMI 1700.1, LMI 1700.2 and LMI 1700.3 will be helpful. These LMI's are contained in the Safety Policy Section of the LaRC Safety Manual.

## Current Electrical Standard Released

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued new final rules that protect workers in electric-power generation, transmission and distribution.

The standard, 29CFR1910.269 covers the following:

- \* Line clearance in tree-trimming operations.
- \* Work in enclosed spaces.
- \* Hazardous-energy control.
- \* Work near or on energized parts
- \* De-energizing lines and equipment
- \* Work in substations and generating plants
- \* Grounding Standards for worker protection.
- \* Special conditions and equipment used in the generation, distribution and transmission of electric power.

The rules revise current standards for electrical protective equipment. In the past, consensus standards regulated the design of protective equipment.

All rules, except those that cover training, become effective on May 31. Training provisions will become effective on January 31, 1995.

## SAFETY

*"Safety comes from man's mastery of his environment and of himself. It is won by individual effort and group cooperation. It can be achieved only by informed, alert, skillful people who respect themselves and have a regard for the welfare of others."*

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